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Unusual series of burglaries and computer breaches lead to investigation and arrest

Eugene Police Property Crimes Detectives have arrested Antone Forrest Deedward Owens, age 21, of Eugene, after investigating a series of cases where the suspect broke into homes, sometimes on multiple occasions, and used the residents' computers to access Internet pornography. In a few of the cases, the victim's came home while the suspect was inside. In one case, a female victim was menaced after she encountered the suspect exiting the home. Owens was charged with three counts of Burglary in the First Degree (Occupied dwelling), one count of Burglary in the First Degree, Menacing, and Coercion.

Between September 20, 2011, and October 20, 2011, the residents of a home in the 2300 block of Polk reported someone had entered their home and accessed their Internet to surf pornographic web sites. In one incident, the residents' son reported he awoke to find someone in his bedroom.

In another case on March 20, 2012, Eugene Police responded to a burglary in progress in the 2200 block of Van Buren in which the female resident reported returning to her locked home only to find it had been entered. Her computer was on, displaying pornography on the monitor. She also found lubricant, towels and a cell phone nearby. She picked up the cell phone and then reported seeing the suspect standing outside her rear sliding glass door. She called 9-1-1 while he shouted at her, threatening to break the door. He pulled on the lock and came inside, coming at her quickly and threatening to kill her and grabbing the phone and the lubricant before fleeing out the back door.

On April 25, 2012, at about 12:29 p.m., a man returned home to find an unknown male inside. He immediately called police and told them it looked as though the suspect had left out a back bedroom. The computer monitor in his house had pornography on the screen, and there were towels nearby.

The investigation began when victims, who lived in proximity to the suspect, shared information about strange break-ins and computer breaches, prompting them to make a police report.

If anyone has additional information relevant to the case, or has experienced similar circumstances, they are urged to call Detective Chris Vreim, 541.682.5192. ###

